

REMARKS

Claims 2-14, 16, and 17 were pending in the application, with claims 9 and 14 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7, 8, and 17 have been amended. Claim 5 has been canceled and no claims have been added. Therefore, claims 2-4, 6-14, 16, and 17 are now pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is sincerely thanked for allowing claim 16 and indicating that claims 2-8, 10-13, and 17 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections

Claims 2-8, 10-13, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The claims have been amended where appropriate. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow previously withdrawn claim 9 because it depends on an allowable claim.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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